

ALDERMEN IN FIGHT TO REGULATE RENTS

Board Adopts Resolutions Urging Legislature to Relieve Present Crisis.

MAYOR RECEIVES PRAISE

Erection of Houses by City Is Requested if Emergency Warrants Such Action.

The Board of Aldermen entered yesterday the fight against rent profiteers and the drafting of housing accommodations by adopting three resolutions—one praising the Mayor and his rent committee and offering cooperation; another memorializing the Legislature to pass at this session "such legislation as will tend to relieve the present rent crisis," and the third to request the Board of Estimate to erect houses by the city to rent to the public "if an emergency situation arises which warrants such action."

The resolutions were presented by Alderman William T. Collins, majority leader and chairman of the general welfare committee, and accompanied a preliminary report of that committee on the high cost of living, profiteering, housing and rent extortion.

Features of the Report.

The report stated that preparations are being made to increase rents still further in all boroughs, particularly Manhattan and the Bronx, and unless the Legislature gives relief "a panic or crisis cannot be avoided and a special session of the Legislature undoubtedly would be necessary." In this connection the Socialist members predicted rent riots next May, and October.

Two suggestions are made in the report on what the Legislature may do toward relieving the straits until building operations can restore more nearly normal conditions.

"First, that commissions with judicial powers, operating independently or under the direction of our established judicial system, fix the value of property to be rented, say, as it existed on the second day of April, 1917, the date of the President's war message to Congress, and the value of added improvements, and fix a fair and reasonable rental based thereon, allowing approximately 10 per cent. plus the reasonable cost of the maintenance of the building."

"A second course which would more certainly be within the scope of legislative authority would be to fix the value of the property on the basis stated in the first plan by a commission or by a special tax board through the State, allow a fair rental as stated in the first plan and to impose an emergency excess profit tax on all sums of rentals charged over and above the amount fixed as a reasonable rental, so large as to place a positive check upon the inclination of the landlord to increase the rental beyond the figures adjudged fair and reasonable."

Building Programme.

The resolutions adopted regarding a building programme for the city request the Board of Estimate to do the following things:

Prepare a list of city owned land available for building purposes.

Obtain plans and estimates for the construction of buildings that may be made available for occupancy in event of a crisis arising as a result of the existing housing problem.

Provide for the construction of such buildings should a crisis arise, and authorize the Comptroller to rent the buildings to citizens during such a crisis for such a time and at such a rental as the Board of Estimate may fix as fair.

In presenting the committee resolutions Chairman Collins made a plea for nonpartisan action upon the issue, laying particular stress upon the recommendation of the Mayor in one of the resolutions. To that plea Alderman Beckerman replied that "the Mayor, that eminent blunderer, has blundered more upon this subject than any other," and he accused the Aldermen of playing politics when they "passed the buck to Albany while the Board of Aldermen has all the power needed to solve the problem."

Alderman B. C. Viadick, Socialist, declared that the "rental trust" was invited to the Mayor's building conference; that the "rental trust" had declined to furnish steel for buildings unless "scab" labor was used in the construction, and that the Mayor was aware of this when he invited the "rental trust" there. Viadick declared insurance companies and other concerns offering to help finance the plan were actuated by the opportunity for investments free from taxation.

The recommendation of the loaning interests at Monday's conference that mortgages be exempted from State and Federal income tax in order to attract sufficient money into the construction market met with a sharp contradiction from the American Bankers Association yesterday. Leo Day Woodworth, secretary of the bankers' association, declared that the vast majority of banks throughout the country are opposed to the granting of any new exemptions.

The legislative committee of the Central Federate Union, at a meeting drafted an appeal to 15,000 New York lawyers to put rent profiteers in the same classification as clients whom it is regarded as unethical to represent.

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SKIRT KEEPS GIRL FROM ENDING LIFE

She Is Dragged From Battery Basin With Bathhook.

Two boys who were fishing from driftwood in the basin at the Battery during the heavy rain last night saw a girl climb to the top of the sea wall and jump into the water. They waited and saw if she was going to sink, and when she didn't, being buoyed up by her skirt, they began shouting and attracted the attention of the crew of the tug Marion Olsen of the Olsen Towing Company, 16 Broad street.

The girl refused to give her name to the police, but told the ambulance surgeon she was Ruth Forten, of 43 West Ninety-second street. At that address, however, no one could be found who knew her or had ever heard of her. Into pocket of her coat was found a brass check for baggage stored at the Fourteenth street subway station, and a purchase slip bearing the name of "Mrs. Elizabeth Reich." She is small and dark and wears a black hat with red feathers, a black tailored suit, a velvet coat, a fur neckpiece and carried a muff.

RESOLUTION AIMS DART AT HIRSHFIELD

Inquiry Into Zoo Quarrel Asked by Alderman.

The quarrel between David Hirshfield, Commissioner of Accounts, and Dr. William T. Hornaday, director of the New York Zoological Society and head of the Bronx Park Zoo, bubbled up in the Board of Aldermen yesterday when Alderman Bruce M. Falconer introduced a resolution calling upon the Commissioner to appear before the Aldermen and tell them about his investigation of the Zoological Society and the Zoo.

Among the things Commissioner Hirshfield is asked to explain is why he prompted the investigation and whether the Mayor had anything to do with it, did the Commissioner refuse to allow Dr. Hornaday to testify and, if so, why?

HEADS OFFICERS MESS.

Henry C. Merritt, President of Third Division Organisation.

Henry C. Merritt, formerly a Captain in the Thirty-third Infantry, was elected last night president of the Third Division Officers Mess, meeting at the Army and Navy Club, 15 Gramercy Park. The others elected were Fred Winant, Jr., vice-president; C. F. Fritzel, Jr., secretary-treasurer, and executive committee, John Tattus, W. G. Dunnington, Jr., Joseph Busk, Joseph Walker and George Clark.

All of the officers except one have received the D. S. C.

Add \$77,000 to Nurses' Fund.

The second day of public campaigning for the Visiting Nurse Service of the Henry Street Settlement brought in \$77,000. The first day's receipts were \$211,000, making the total \$388,000. The largest gift of the day was \$50,000, subscribed anonymously. Other gifts were \$5,000 from Isaac N. Seligman, \$15,000 from Montrose Schiff and \$2,500 from Louis Marshall.

IMPORTANT FOR MOTHERS TO KNOW

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FURIOUS ALDERMEN HAVE A NEAR FIGHT

Allyn Sponsors a Water Meter and Kenneally Suggests He Was Retained.

The longest and stormiest session of the present Board of Aldermen came to a close yesterday only after two of its members, followed by formidable processions of seconds and aids, had stalked from the Aldermanic chamber into the privacy of a committee room to settle their differences by other than oratorical and parliamentary means.

The surcharged atmosphere exploded when Alderman Robert Starr Allyn, Republican, introduced a resolution asking the Board of Aldermen to approve the pattern, size and price of the Badger die water meter, as is required under the charter before a water meter can be sold in New York city, and Vice-Chairman William P. Kenneally, Democrat, demanded to know whether the author of the resolution did not have a retainer from the manufacturer or agent of the meter.

President La Guardia declared the question out of order, the resolution having already been referred to the committee on general welfare before the question was asked. "Well, that's the talk going around, anyway," remarked the vice-chairman as he took his seat. Alderman Allyn demanded the floor on a point of personal privilege, but the President ruled that the vice-chairman's remarks having been ruled out of order, there was no basis for a personal privilege. Allyn then shouted across the chamber to Vice-Chairman Kenneally:

"Come outside and I'll answer your question."

"Come enough! Right in here will do," replied Mr. Kenneally, as he headed for a committee room opening on the Aldermanic chamber. Alderman Allyn and friends of both sides followed, leaving the board in a lull.

Behind closed doors Alderman Allyn demanded to know who had told Mr. Kenneally he had a retainer, but the vice-chairman refused to tell him. Vice-Chairman Kenneally told Alderman Allyn that he had heard the statement made and had asked the question as to whether it was true.

"You know I have no retainer," said Mr. Allyn.

"Well, I'll believe anything you say," answered Mr. Kenneally.

"You don't need any denial from me." For five minutes the argument waxed hot and more or less profane as the principals followed each other around the room.

At length Alderman Allyn demanded that Vice-Chairman Kenneally make an apology from the floor. This he declined to do.

RATE BOOST NEEDED TO END DOCK STRIKE

Coast Ship Lines Appeal to I. C. C.—10,000 Men Out.

Unless steamship companies are permitted to increase their rates, service along the Atlantic seaboard, now tied up by the longshoremen's strike, may be suspended indefinitely. This is the interpretation shipping men put on the statement of H. B. Walker, president of the Old Dominion line, who said yesterday that his company "might be shut down several months."

The companies have applied to the Interstate Commerce Commission for an increase of at least 25 per cent. No one knows how long it will take the commission to act on this application, but the company officials refuse to consider any wage demands until they can increase their freight rates.

At this time of year the coast steamships carry large cargoes of early spring vegetables, fruit, strawberries, etc. If this freight is shipped by railroad, the price will advance, if not, there will be a shortage of food.

The district council of the International Longshoremen's Association met at 154 Eleventh avenue yesterday to consider relief measures. Although the strike of the resolution did not have a retainer from the manufacturer or agent of the meter.

Mr. Riley also said about 400 men employed on the Sound steamship docks had joined the strike. He predicted it would spread to the New England ports on the Colonial and other lines.

URGES TRADE CLEARING HOUSE

Calls It Unwise to Wait Until Exchange Rights Itself.

An international trade clearing house that would concern itself chiefly with merchandise and not balance of payments and exports as to compel by natural trade processes a normal monetary exchange is the suggestion of Irving S. Mettler, vice-president of the East River National Bank of New York.

Mr. Mettler expounded his views last night in the Aldine Club to a gathering of the American Cloak and Suit Manufacturers Association.

"We wait until the exchange situation rights itself," said Mr. Mettler, "we will have lost all the benefits that the war brought us and will wake up to find other nations in control of the markets of the world."

A letter which was forwarded to

WOW! ORANGE AND GREEN ON A MONK!

Storm Breaks in Brooklyn Over Window Decoration in New Tea Room.

When Mrs. Sarah Reall made up her mind to open a tea shop at 2107 Cortelyou road, Brooklyn, her friends advised her that everything lies in the happy choice of a name. Ultimately Mrs. Reall named her tea room the Rose Glow.

She has been less fortunate in the matter of window decoration. Someone having intimated to her that a touch of zoology makes an irresistible appeal to tea addressees, she procured the stuffed body of a chimpanzee, arrayed it in a green surcoat and an orange forage cap, and set it in the window between a samovar and a tray of chocolate eclairs.

In so doing Mrs. Reall reckoned without the fact that there is a large infusion of Milesian blood in the neighborhood of 2107 Cortelyou road, and without the fact that the feast of Erin's patron saint—the monk made his first bid for approbation and custom on Monday at the tea hour—was less than forty-eight hours away.

At all events a storm burst all about the Rose Glow Monday afternoon, and up to yesterday Mrs. Reall had received seven telegrams, four anonymous letters, thirty-three telephone calls and a score of personal calls by women who assured her they never would touch a cup of her tea again. Also the desks of Brooklyn newspaper editors were piled high with missives from men who denounced to know whether there was any law which could be invoked against a woman who thus belittled a race of heroes and "fringed the very name of home rule in the dust."

"If you have not been purchased body and soul by British gold," wrote one resident of Cortelyou road to an editor, "you will lend the influence of your newspaper to the detroning of this libel upon the Irish race from the public place which it now holds in a tea shop in a respectable neighborhood."

"His funny bone," was Mrs. Reall's answer to the burden of the letter was communicated to her, "was amputated when he was 3 years old. I was told when that chimpanzee out of my own pocket and it stays there while I run the shop."

A letter which was forwarded to

Mayor Hylan's desk called the attention of the city's Chief Magistrate to the grinning simian in Cortelyou road, and inquired if His Honor would not find time to visit the Rose Glow personally.

"The chimpanzee," said the letter, "has a countenance similar in physiognomy to that which has been so often unjustly compared to the Irish cast of countenance. But if Your Honor will inspect it personally you may satisfy yourself on that point. The dressing of this vile beast of the jungle in green and orange is a direct insult to the flag of St. Patrick, to make the blood boil in Irish veins. Add to this that it has an orange cap upon its head—the orange above the green—and the plot becomes clear as the sun. Then consider that the tea shop is named Rose Glow, and all debate falls to the ground. The rose has for centuries been the emblem of the house of Plantagenet. And what rose plots but a red rose? A rose as red as the ensanguined banner of Great Britain, misallied the ruler of the seas."

Meantime Mrs. Reall is having a new orange and green outfit made for the coming and she says he will stay in her window to-day, even if the parade descends Fifth avenue and marches right past her door.

FREEPORT TEXAS NET IS LESS.

Drops to \$1.25 a Share in 1919. According to Annual Report.

The Freeport Texas Company reports for 1919 net income, after Federal taxes, depreciation, depletion, charges, etc., of \$24,838, or \$1.25 a share on its 200,000 shares of stock outstanding. In 1918 net income was reported, after all charges but before taxes, of \$3,353,940, or \$1.68 a share on the stock. Net profits, after the cost of sales and expenses, were \$1,473,336, against \$1,988,310, and other income \$125,081, against \$128,640. Federal taxes paid for 1919 aggregated \$9,157. Those for the previous year were not reported. Ordinary taxes, depreciation, amortization, etc., required \$38,236, against \$1,001,001, and dividends paid were \$100,000, against \$264,075.

The company had a deficit for 1919, after dividends, of \$45,232, against a surplus at the end of 1918 of \$4,008,000. The profit and loss surplus of the company on November 30, 1919, stood at \$4,369,541.

Kings Light Co. Turned Down.

Although officials of the Kings County Lighting Company told Deputy Public Service Commissioner Morgan T. Donnelly yesterday that they needed \$1,400,000 to make improvements before taking on new customers, the Commissioner ordered the company to find a way to comply with the law and extend its service. The plea of poverty could not be accepted, Mr. Donnelly replied. Another hearing on the company's troubles is to be held March 25.

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